

### **Attachment 3A(1)**

#### **Explanatory Note for USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) Report November 2, 2009**

The Agricultural Research Service, Department of Agriculture (ARS) report submitted in May 2009 did not report any projects or funds available. ARS was waiting for the Office of Management and Budget to approve the list of critically deferred maintenance projects. ARS received approval to proceed in late June 2009. 38 projects and activities were identified and the NEPA reviews have been completed for 37 in the report submitted in July, 2009. As of June 30, 2009 no obligations had been reported to OMB as reflected on page 1 of the spreadsheet.

The ARS report has not changed significantly from the July 2009 ARS ARRA 1609 Report. The only change is that an obligation total of \$7,848,353 has been reported to OMB as reflected on page 1 of the attached report.

There is still one project (No. 9: Replacement of boilers, electrical and steam distribution system serving campus research facilities. Beltsville, MD) that does not have a level of NEPA associated with it. This project is still being defined due to a possible reduction of scope.

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